

Collins	Leahy	Rounds
Coons	Manchin	Sanders
Cornyn	Markey	Schatz
Donnelly	McCain	Schumer
Durbin	McCaskill	Shaheen
Feinstein	McConnell	Stabenow
Franken	Menendez	Tester
Gillibrand	Merkley	Thune
Graham	Mikulski	Tillis
Hatch	Murkowski	Udall
Heinrich	Murphy	Warner
Heitkamp	Murray	Warren
Hirono	Nelson	Whitehouse
Kaine	Peters	Wicker
King	Reed	Wyden
Kirk	Reid	
Klobuchar	Roberts	

## NAYS—35

Blunt	Fischer	Paul
Boozman	Flake	Perdue
Burr	Gardner	Portman
Cassidy	Grassley	Risch
Coats	Heller	Rubio
Corker	Hoeven	Sasse
Cotton	Inhofe	Scott
Crapo	Isakson	Sessions
Cruz	Johnson	Shelby
Daines	Lankford	Sullivan
Enzi	Lee	Toomey
Ernst	Moran	

## NOT VOTING—1

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The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

## FEDERAL WATER QUALITY PROTECTION ACT—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 153, S. 1140.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 153, S. 1140, a bill to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term "waters of the United States," and for other purposes.

## CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

## CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 153, S. 1140, a bill to require the Secretary of the Army and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to propose a regulation revising the definition of the term "waters of the United States," and for other purposes.

Mitch McConnell, Dean Heller, Jeff Flake, Steve Daines, Johnny Isakson, Mike Rounds, Ben Sasse, Roy Blunt, Daniel Coats, John Cornyn, John Boozman, Richard Burr, Cory Gardner, Shelley Moore Capito, Richard C. Shelby, David Perdue, John Barrasso.

## MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Sen-

ate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## DISCHARGE PETITION—S.J. RES. 22

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, hereby direct that the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works be discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 22, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and further, that the resolution be placed upon the Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Joni Ernst, James Inhofe, Mike Rounds, Chuck Grassley, John Cornyn, Lamar Alexander, Rand Paul, Patrick Toomey, Pat Roberts, John Barrasso, Mike Lee, Thad Cochran, Orrin Hatch, Mike Crapo, Bill Cassidy, Shelley Moore Capito, Jeff Flake, Deb Fischer, Richard Burr, John McCain, David Perdue, Michael B. Enzi, Richard Shelby, John Hoeven, Ben Sasse, Tim Scott, Thom Tillis, James Lankford, Dan Sullivan, Bob Corker, Johnny Isakson, David Vitter, Mitch McConnell, Ted Cruz, Jerry Moran, Rob Portman, Ron Johnson, Dan Coats, Marco Rubio.

## MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following joint resolution was discharged by petition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 802(c), and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 22. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the definition of "waters of the United States" under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. TILLIS (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mr. WARNER):

S. 2225. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to establish an H-2B temporary non-agricultural work visa program and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. Res. 301. A resolution calling on the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation to modify the accreditation standards of the Council to prevent the

standards from negatively impacting Alaska Native and Native American teacher candidates; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

## SENATE RESOLUTION 301—CALLING ON THE COUNCIL FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION TO MODIFY THE ACCREDITATION STANDARDS OF THE COUNCIL TO PREVENT THE STANDARDS FROM NEGATIVELY IMPACTING ALASKA NATIVE AND NATIVE AMERICAN TEACHER CANDIDATES

Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Mr. SCHATZ) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

## S. RES. 301

Whereas Alaska Natives and Native Americans are underrepresented in the profession of teaching;

Whereas Alaska Native and Native American students benefit academically from the cultural perspectives of Alaska Native and Native American teachers;

Whereas Alaska Native and Native American teachers often serve as positive role models for Alaska Native and Native American students;

Whereas increasing the number of Alaska Native and Native American teachers working in native communities empowers tribes, benefits native youth, and strengthens tribal self-sufficiency;

Whereas the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (referred to in this preamble as the "Council") is the sole accrediting body for educator preparation programs at institutions of higher education in the United States;

Whereas the Council approved new accreditation standards in 2013 and plans for the standards to be fully implemented by 2020;

Whereas the 2013 accreditation standards of the Council require that institutions of higher education, when accepting candidates to their schools of education, ensure that the group average performance on assessments such as the ACT and SAT is—

- (1) in the top 50 percent from 2016–2017;
- (2) in the top 40 percent of the distribution from 2018–2019; and
- (3) in the top 33 percent of the distribution by 2020;

Whereas because of social, academic, and economic barriers, the average ACT and SAT scores of Alaska Natives and Native Americans are disproportionately lower than other categories of students;

Whereas Alaska Native and Native American students have disproportionately inadequate access to exam preparation opportunities and 21st century technology and are less likely to take the ACT or SAT than other categories of students;

Whereas no definitive research or data has shown that performance on the ACT or SAT is an effective indicator of the likelihood of success of a prospective student in an educator preparation program or as a teacher;

Whereas the 2013 accreditation standards of the Council—

- (1) will force institutions of higher education to accept fewer Alaska Native and Native American students into teacher preparation programs in order to retain accreditation;